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TAGS: OEXC, CA (FOSTER, JOHN)

SUBJ: IV ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON

REF: CALGARY 242

1. AFTER BUSY WEEK IN WASHINGTON FOSTER LEFT FOR ATLANTA EVENING SEPTEMBER 4 TO BEGIN PROGRAM SIMILAR TO ONE PROPOSED REFTEL. OVERALL US STAY CUT TO 27 DAYS ON INSTRUCTION FROM DIRECTOR CHQR RADIO. JUST BEFORE DEPARTURE FOSTER SPENT TWO HOURS IN STUDIO FACILITIES PROVIDED COURTESY USIA/IBS/PE EDITING AND RETAPING SIX PROGRAM SEGMENTS OF COMMENT ON US NATIONAL SCENE USING KEY EXCERPTS FROM INTERVIEWS TAPED DURING WEEK. FOSTER HAD TO CATCH PLANE AND WE HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS TAPE WITH HIM BUT BELIEVE HE PLANS TO AIRMAIL IT TO CALGARY FOR CHQR PROGRAM SERIES "INSIDE AMERICA."

2. USIA/IBS/PE REPORTS FOSTER TAPE WORK EDITORIALY AND TECHNICALLY WELL DONE. TEXT OF TAPE NOT AVAILABLE BUT FIVE SEGMENTS WERE OF THREE TO FIVE MINUTES DURATION EACH. SIXTH SEGMENT OF SIX OR SEVEN MINUTES ON WATERGATE INCLUDED QUOTES FROM FOSTER INTERVIEW OF EDITOR NATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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OBSERVER. IBS/PE NOTED FOSTER MATERIAL OBJECTIVE, FORTH-

RIGHT AND PRO-US IN TONE.

3. FOSTER ATTENDED NOON PRESS BRIEFING SEPTEMBER 29 AND

LATER MET WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RUFUS Z. SMITH.
HE RECORDED PORTION OF DISCUSSION WITH SMITH BUT WE DO
NOT KNOW IF HE USED IT IN TAPING PROGRAMS.

4. ITINERARY FOLLOWS BY MAIL. RETURN FLIGHT INFO NOT
AVAILABLE BUT FOSTER WILL PROBABLY LEAVE FROM NEW YORK
CITY SEPTEMBER 22. RUSH

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